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Mr. Steve La Rue  
The San Diego Union-Tribune  
P.O. Box 191  
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Dear Mr. LaRue:

In January 1998 California will reach a major milestone in the management of its water and environmental resources when the CALFED Bay-Delta Program releases its draft "Bay-Delta solution." This draft document will spark a focused discussion among the state's business, environmental and agricultural communities to reach a consensus on how to address one of California's most historically contentious issues.

To ensure Californians are aware of this significant issue, CALFED is holding a series of public meetings throughout the state, including one in San Diego December 4.

As you noted in your article a couple of months ago, the Bay-Delta is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. It supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians, irrigation water for more than four million acres of the world's most productive farmland, and supports 120 fish and wildlife species; some found nowhere else on the planet. Ultimately, California's trillion-dollar economy, the seventh largest in the world, is at risk if Bay-Delta environmental and water management problems are not resolved.

Enclosed is some recent information about the Program and upcoming public meetings, for your information. I'll call you prior to the San Diego meeting to see if you are interested in writing a follow up article. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 654-7137.

Sincerely,

Kim Canevari  
Director of Public Affairs

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The Resources Agency  
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Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

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